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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims:

Claim 13, line 3, the phrase "having a roller" has been changed to --having the roller--.

Claim 13, line 5, the phrase "a locking connection" has been changed to --the locking connection--.

The above changes were done to provide proper antecedent basis and to remove any double inclusion issues.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance of claims 1-13 and 15-20: The closest prior art being DeBrock did not teach or suggest a roller receiving device as claimed by the applicant, specifically a roller receiving device as currently amended in independent claim 1, together in combination with the other claimed features of applicant's invention and in view of applicant's arguments which are well taken and found to be persuasive.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance of claim 21: The closest prior art being DeBrock did not teach or suggest a roller receiving device as claimed by the applicant, specifically a roller receiving device which forms a first sealing segment for sealing the roller receiving device relative to the container, and forms a first holding segment for

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the formation of a locking connection between the roller receiving device and the container, the first holding segment being held radially outwardly on the first sealing segment, the first sealing segment and the first holding segment being functionally separate and/or situated at a distance from one another and/or essentially decoupled from one another, together in combination with the other claimed features of applicant's invention.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to STEVEN J. GANEY whose telephone number is (571)272-4899. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00-5:00; Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Len Tran can be reached on 571-272-1184. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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